# Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) / ROD Process Flowchart

Start → LPA/Consultant prepares NOI and sends to LEB. → LEB reviews NOI and, if acceptable, forwards to FHWA. → FHWA reviews NOI and, if acceptable, forwards to the Federal Register for publication. → LPA/Consultant distributes local announcements (early coordination).

LPA/Consultant requests other federal agencies to participate as cooperating agencies via a MOU and schedule.

LPA/Consultant sets up scoping meeting and invites attendees.

LPA/Consultant prepares Pre-DEIS, showing purpose and need with project alternatives, and submits to LEB for review.

LEB reviews Pre-DEIS and / or returns comments to LPA/Consultant.

LPA/Consultant addresses comments and submits a revised Pre-DEIS to LEB.

**Is the Pre-DEIS acceptable to LEB?** — No → (back to LEB reviews Pre-DEIS)

Yes → LEB sends Pre-DEIS to FHWA for review. → FHWA reviews Pre-DEIS and returns comments to LEB. → **Is the Pre-DEIS acceptable to FHWA?** — No (back to LEB reviews Pre-DEIS) / Yes →

**Is prior concurrence from FHWA HQ required?** — Yes → FHWA sends Pre-DEIS to HQ for review. / No →

FHWA signs DEIS & notifies LEB and LPA. → FHWA sends NOA letter to the Federal Register. → Federal Register publishes NOA. → LPA/Consultant distributes DEIS to cooperating federal agencies, DOI, EPA, other agencies and the public.

LPA/Consultant publishes notice for public hearing. → After 15 day availability period, LPA/Consultant conducts public hearing and prepares transcript. → After 45 day comment period, LPA/Consultant prepares Pre-FEIS and submits to LEB for review. → LEB reviews Pre-FEIS and / or returns comments to the LPA/Consultant.

LPA/Consultant addresses comments and submits a revised Pre-FEIS to LEB.

**Is the Pre-FEIS acceptable to LEB?** — No (back to LEB reviews Pre-FEIS) / Yes → LEB sends Pre-FEIS to FHWA for review. → FHWA reviews Pre-FEIS and returns comments to LEB. → **Is the Pre-FEIS acceptable to FHWA?** — No (back) / Yes →

**Is prior concurrence from FHWA HQ required?** — No → FHWA forwards Pre-FEIS for legal sufficiency review. / Yes → FHWA sends Pre-FEIS to HQ for review.

**Is the Pre-FEIS legally sufficient?** — Yes → FHWA signs FEIS and notifies LEB and LPA. FEIS and ROD may be completed at the same time, if FHWA approves. → FHWA sends NOA letter to the Federal Register. → Federal Register publishes NOA. → LPA/Consultant distributes FEIS to cooperating Federal agencies, DOI, EPA, other agencies, and the public.

After 30 day comment period, LPA/Consultant prepares ROD and submits to LEB and FHWA. → LEB and FHWA review ROD. LEB returns comments to LPA/Consultant.

**Is ROD acceptable to LEB and FHWA?** — No → LPA/Consultant addresses comments and submits revised ROD to LEB and FHWA. / Yes → FHWA signs ROD and notifies LEB. → Environmental Impact Statement / ROD Process complete.

Abbreviations / Acronyms:
DEIS = Draft Environmental Impact Statement
DOI = Department of Interior
EPA = Environmental Protection Agency
FEIS = Final Environmental Impact Statement
FHWA = Federal Highway Administration
FONSI = Finding of No Significant Impact
HQ = Headquarters
LPA = Local Public Agency
LEB = Location and Envi'nment Bureau
MOU = Memorandum of Understanding
NOA = Notice of Availability
NOI = Notice of Intent
ROD = Record of Decision